



# The Integrated EU Maritime Policy and Maritime Spatial Planning - The Way Ahead



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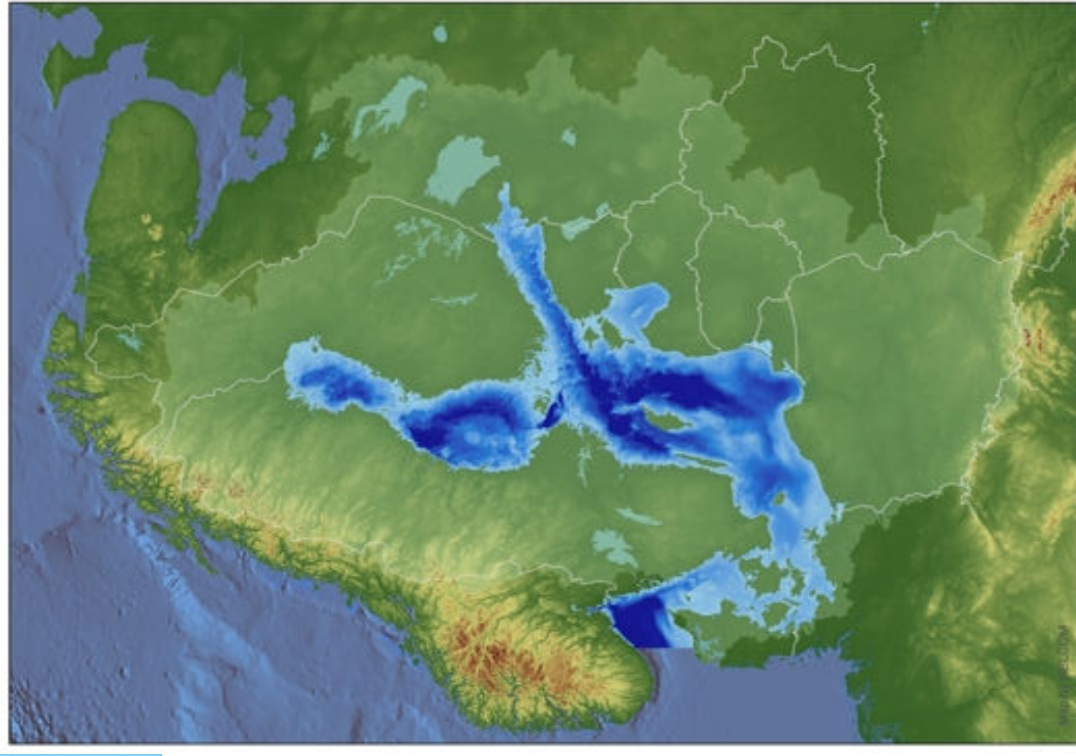


## An Ocean of Opportunity: An Integrated Maritime Policy for the EU



### The Rationale

- Virtually all human activities have a **maritime dimension**
- **Fragmented** way of policy making
- Adoption of **conflicting measures**
- **Unintended consequences** that can be costly





## Why do we need management of marine space?

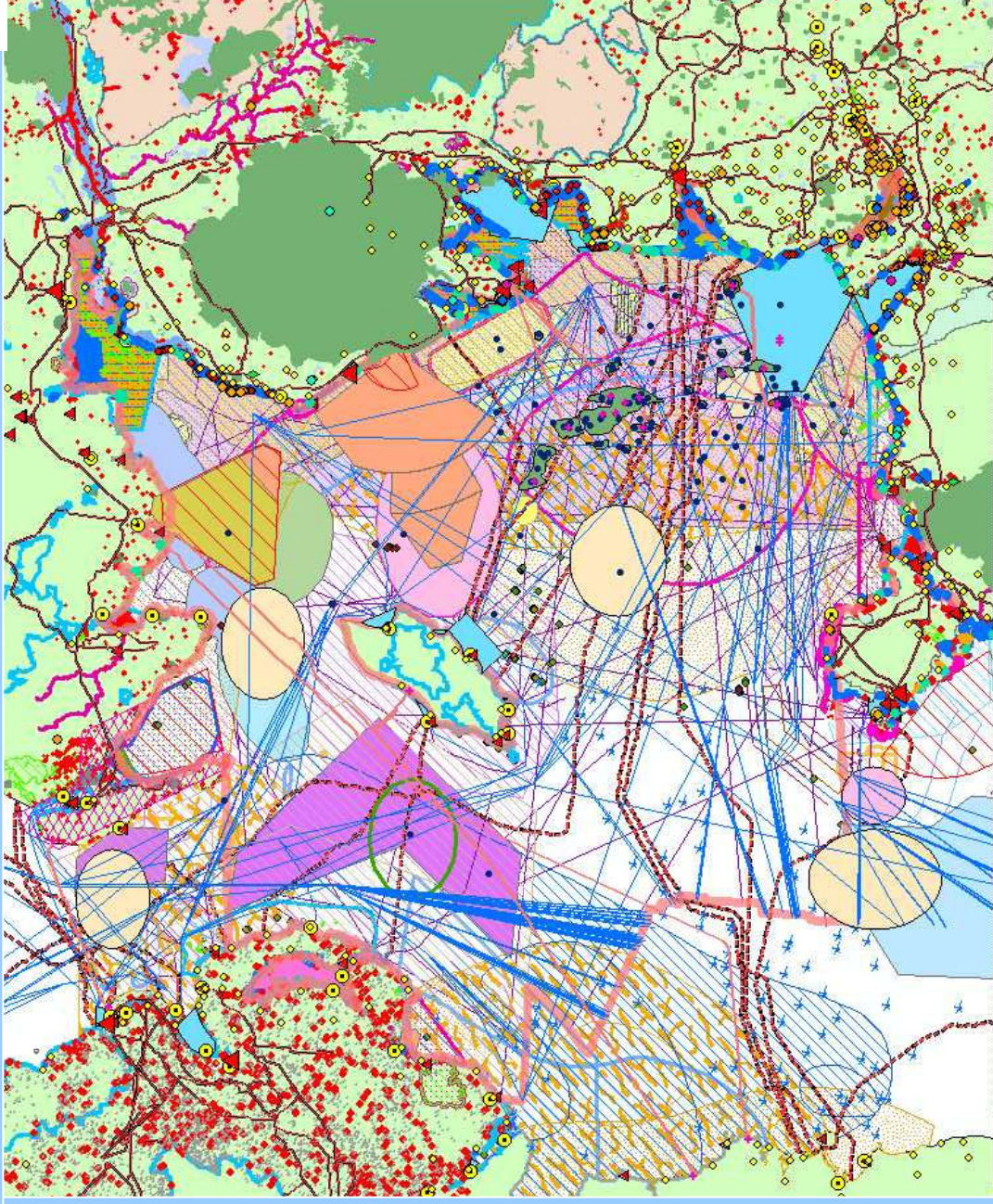
- **Currently: use without coordination**
- **Increased activities on European coasts and seas**
- **Growing competition for limited marine space**
- **Growing pressure on the environment**





# COMPETING CLAIMS Maritime Policy

- Land use
- Tourism
- Oil & Gas
- Mariculture
- Coastal Defence
- Ports & Navigation
- Military Activities
- Culture
- Conservation
- Dredging & Disposal



- Submarine Cables
- Fishing
- Renewable Energy
- Marine Recreation
- Mineral Extraction



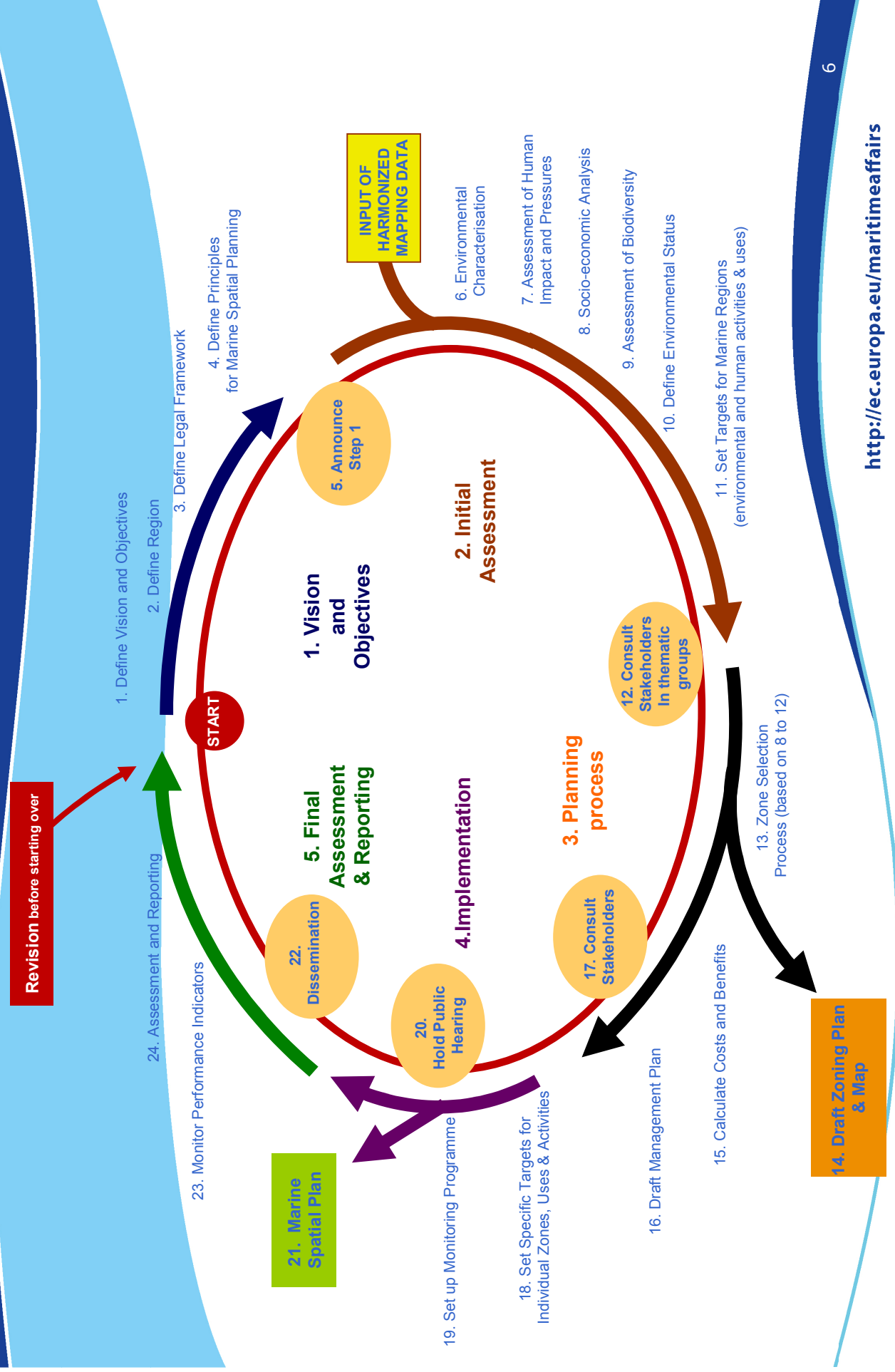


## Norway – Integrated Management Plan Barents Sea and area off the Lofoten Islands

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- The map displays the Troms region in Norway, highlighting various oil and gas fields and infrastructure. Key features include:
- Oil and Gas Fields:** Labeled fields include Borsnaya Vest, Borsnaya 388, Troms I, Troms II, Troms III, Nordland VI, Nordland VII, Nordland VIII, and Nordland IX. A red box highlights the Borsnaya 388 and Troms I fields.
  - Infrastructure:** The map shows the coastline, major roads, and the location of towns such as Hammerfest, Snøhvit, Gollat, Tromsø, and Bodø. The Polar Front and Ice Edge are also marked.
  - Environmental Zones:** The map identifies areas where petroleum activities will not be started (dark blue), areas where new petroleum activities will not be started (light blue), and areas where exploratory drilling will not be allowed between 1. March - 31. August (medium blue). A variable ice edge is indicated by a dashed line.
  - Legend:** The legend defines symbols for wells (black dots), coastal baseline (dashed line), pre-defined area (red box), production licences (grey box), seismic areas (hatched box), and the variable ice edge (dashed line).



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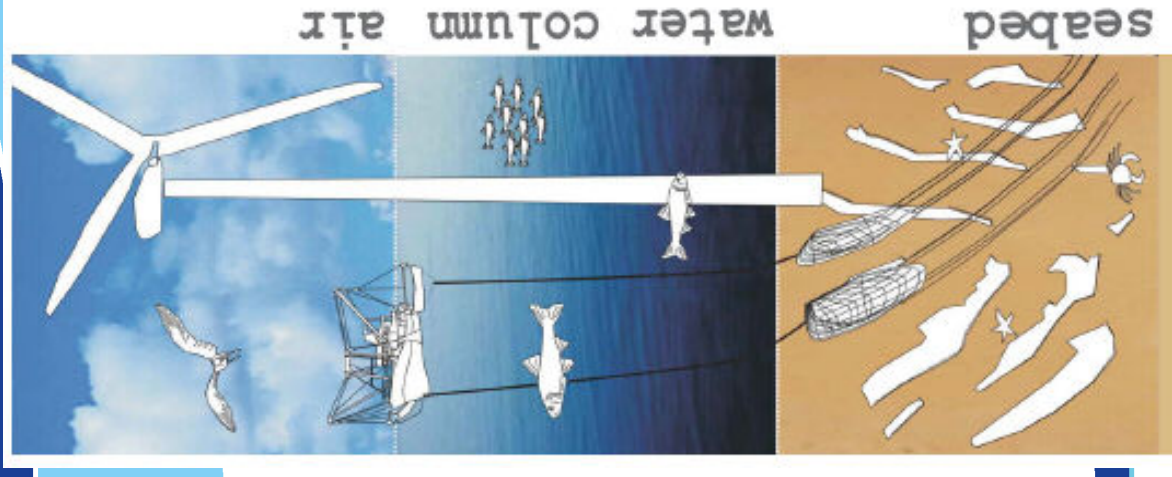


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### **The benefit of a European approach**

- **Strengthen the competitiveness of EU's maritime economy**
- **Provide reliable planning framework for the Internal Market**
- **Build on the ecosystem based approach**
- **Encourage cross-border cooperation**
- **Coordinate sectoral approaches and reducing the costs of non-coordination**
- **Facilitate common understanding of MSP**

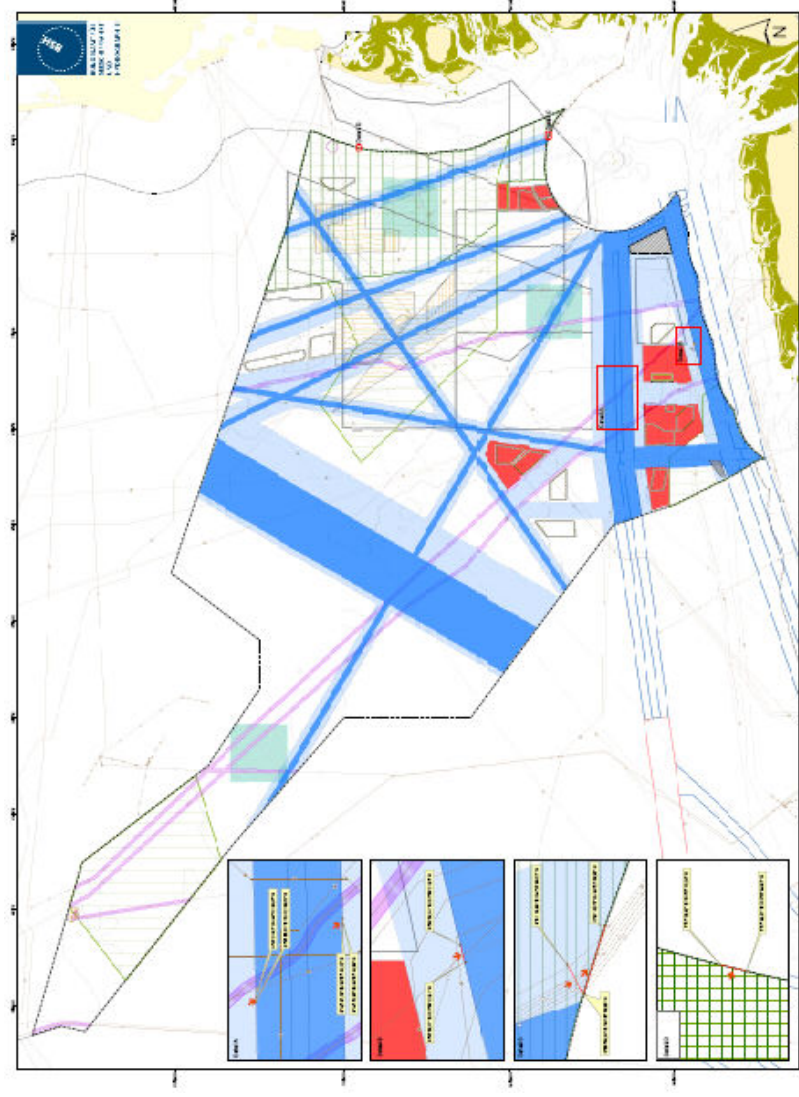






## Current practices – main messages

- **Increasing number** of EU Member States use MSP
- MSP also as a tool to implement **MSFD**
- Increasing activities for **regionalised implementation** of MSP (e.g. by Regional Conventions) and cross-border cooperation
- Need for **common** understanding at EU level





## Current practices – Example The Netherlands

- Integrated Management Plan North Sea 2015
- **3 themes:** healthy, safe and profitable sea
- Co-production of **four ministries**
- **Stakeholder participation** throughout the process
- Decision by council of Ministers and approved by Parliament





## Current practices – Example The Netherlands

- Identification of **increasing** uses:
  - ✓ Sand extraction
  - ✓ Offshore wind farms
  - ✓ Protection of nature
  - ✓ Aquaculture
  - ✓ Recreational uses
- **Conclusions** by the Spatial Planning Process
  - ✓ **Enough space** for increasing uses
  - ✓ Preferred areas by most location-based uses

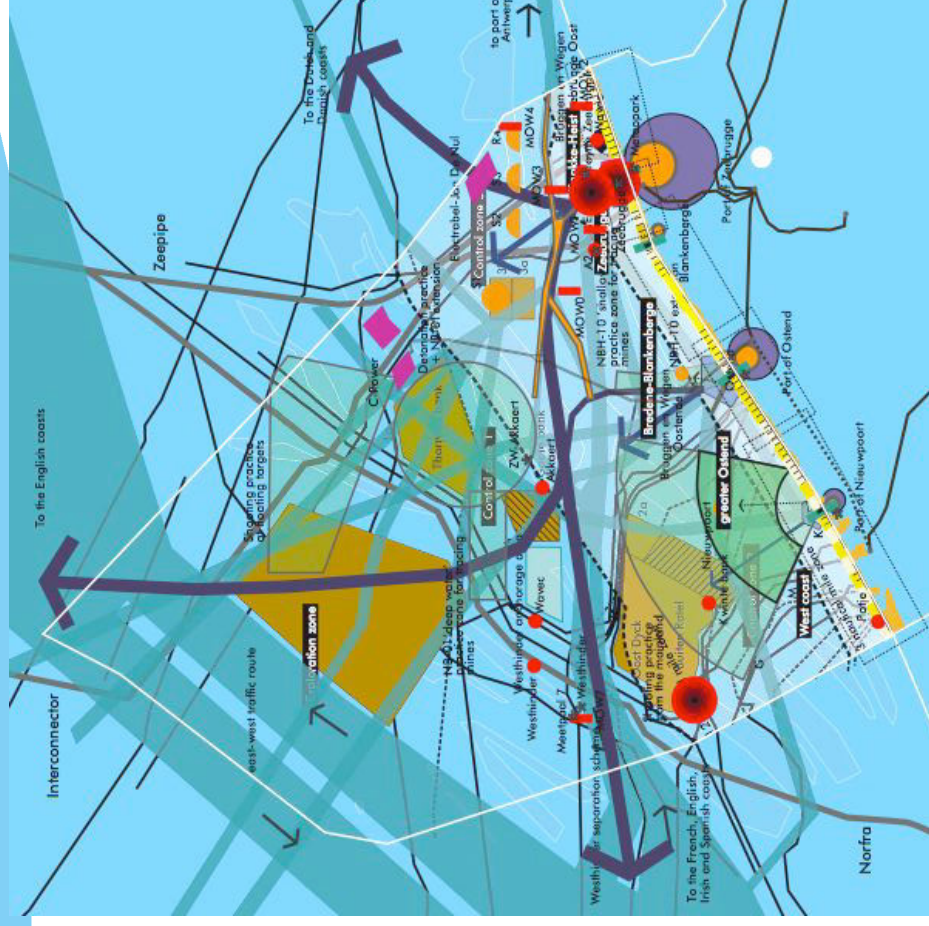


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## Current practices – Example Belgium

- **Research project** (GAUFRE) on maritime spatial planning
- Project has produced GIS and spatial structure **maps**
- Development of six different **scenarios**
- Feed in to Belgian MSP development



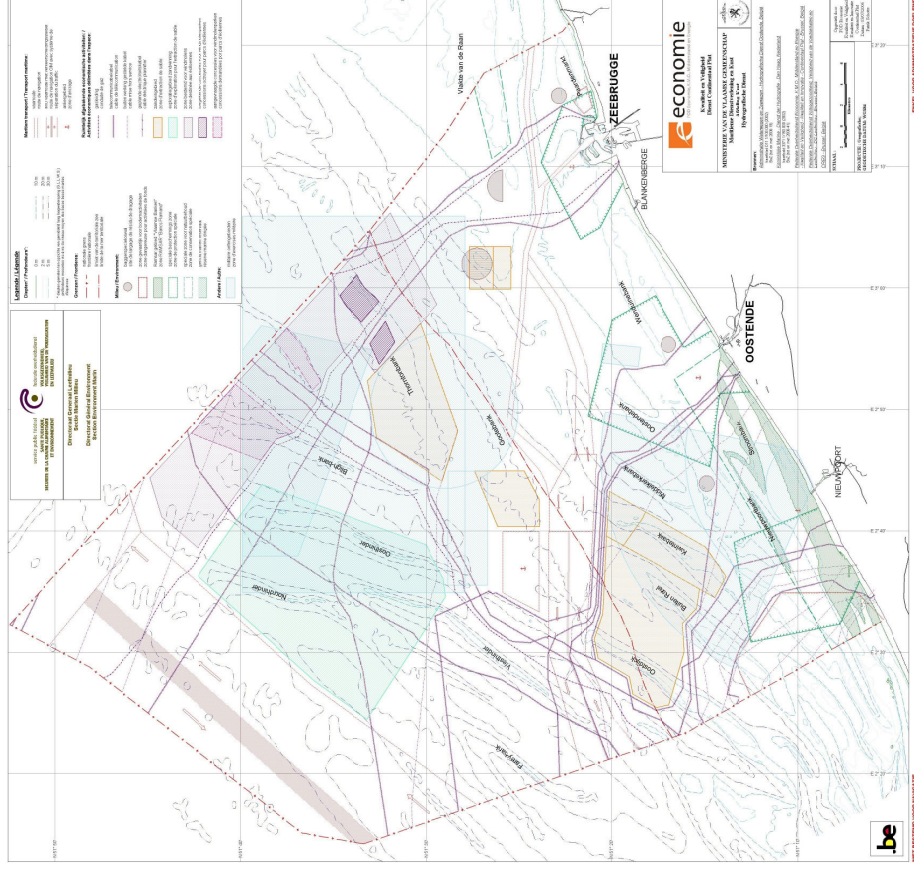


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### Current practices – Example Belgium

- Current overall **management plan** of the **BPNS**
- “Management of Request”
- Requests for licences have to be sent to the responsible ministry
- Uses are **not allowed outside** the designated zones
- Zones for **sand and gravel extraction**, nature protection, development of offshore wind, aquaculture





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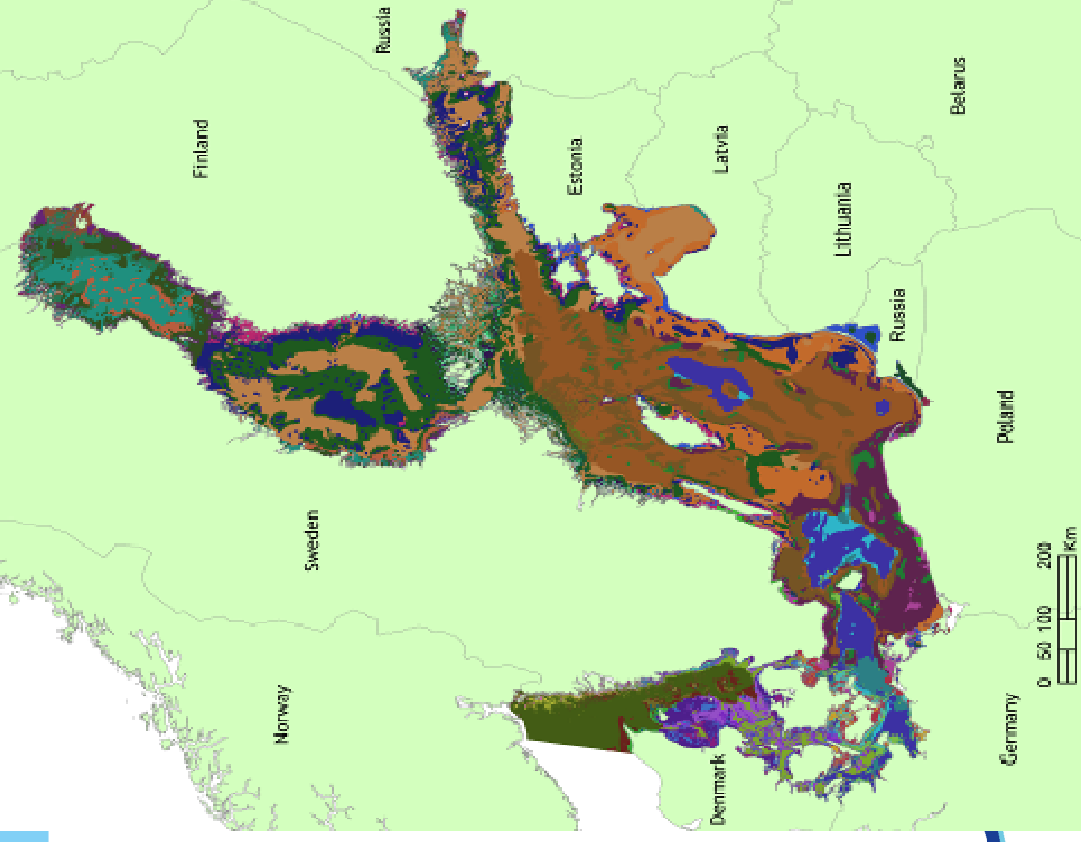


# Marine landscapes – Characterising the Sea

## Example BALANCE project



Baltic Sea marine landscapes



- A broad scale environmental characterisation of the sea floor
- Describe the marine ecosystem
- 60 benthic landscapes identified
- Validated with biological data
- Will be expanded to cover the European Seas





## Benefits for the dredging sector – in a nutshell

- **Rational use of maritime space – important for location-based uses like sand and gravel exploitation**
- **Stable regulatory framework – ease the dredging industries engagement e.g. in coastal protection measures**
- **Increase of effectiveness and coherence of policies**
- **Ecosystem-based approach**
- **Predictable framework for investments – will be of benefit not only for the dredging sector itself but also for activities that are interlinked with the sector**
- **Streamlining of regulatory procedures – particularly relevant in densely used areas**



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## Achievements: The Roadmap on MSP

- **Communication adopted on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2008**
- **Identifies 10 key principles for MSP in the EU**
- **Stimulate a wide debate on development of a common approach to MSP in Europe**
- **Important delivery of the Integrated EU Maritime Policy**





## The Roadmap – 10 key principles

- 1. Using MSP according to area and type of activity**
- 2. Defining objectives to guide MSP**
- 3. Developing MSP in a transparent manner**
- 4. Stakeholder participation**
- 5. Coordination within Member States – simplifying decision processes**







## The Roadmap – 10 key principles

- 1. Ensuring the legal effect of national MSP**
- 2. Cross-border cooperation and consultation**
- 3. Incorporating monitoring and evaluation in the planning process**
- 4. Achieving coherence between terrestrial and maritime spatial planning – relation with ICZM**
- 5. Strong data and knowledge base**





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## Achievements and next steps in the EU-process on MSP

- Series of **4 workshops** to discuss the key-principles of the Roadmap.
- **kick-off conference** on 26.02.2009 – more than 130 participants from Member States and maritime sectors





## Workshop ISPRA (Italy) – 23. – 24. April 2009

- Organised in cooperation with the Joint Research Centre (JRC)
- The **key principles** discussed:
  - ★ Using MSP according to area and type of activity
  - ★ Defining objectives to guide MSP
  - ★ Ensuring the legal effect of national MSP
  - ★ Coherence between MSP and terrestrial planning







## Workshop Azores (S.Miguel) - 2. – 3. July 2009

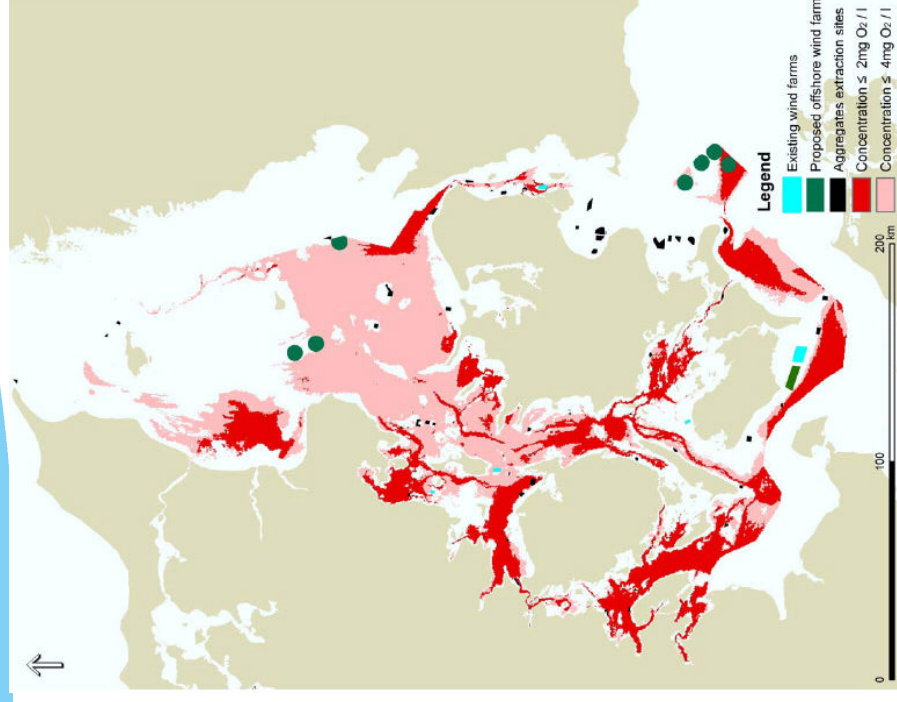
- Organised in cooperation with the University of the Azores and OSPAR, involvement of other Regional Sea Conventions.
- The **key principles** to be discussed:
  - ★ Cross-border cooperation
  - ★ Incorporating monitoring and evaluation
  - ★ Strong data and knowledge base
  - ★ Coordination within Member States – simplifying decision processes
  - ★ Developing MSP in a transparent manner





## Final workshop and concluding conference Sweden – date still tbc

- Organised in close cooperation with the Swedish EU Presidency
- The **key principles** to be discussed:
  - ★ Stakeholder participation
  - ★ Cross-border cooperation
  - ★ Debate on the future
- **Outlook and future steps** in 2010 and beyond





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## Achievements and next steps in the future EU-process on MSP

- Study on **economic benefits** of MSP
- **Launch** of study during first half of 2009
- Development of terms of reference ongoing
- Expected final report beginning of 2010







## Achievements and next steps in the future EU-process on MSP

- **Two preparatory actions** in the Baltic and the North Sea / North East Atlantic
- **Development** of cross-border cooperation aspects of MSP
- Encourage Member States to **identify a shared sea area** and develop **MSP objectives** and a **management plan** for this area





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